THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) As on 31st January, 2001, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have received applications for setting up of LPG distributorships at 9 locations and Retail Outlets at 4 locations in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The process of selection of dealers/distributors for these locations is at various stages. Selection is made in a phased manner and it may not be possible at this stage to indicate the exact number of allotments for Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships during the next two years in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Policy on Revival of Dealership by Oil Corporations

2661. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the concerned oil corporations to send such genuine cases of revival of dealerships/distributorships to Government which have become inoperative prior to 1st January, 1996;

(b) if so, the details of the said policy;

(c) the number of such cases sent by the oil corporations to Government and the numbers of those revived;

(d) whether the oil corporations are not forwarding such cases to Government and harassing the affected persons; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The Government have delegated the powers for revival of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributoriships subject to certain norms to the Oil Marketing Companies. However, as per the existing policy guidelines issued to the Oil Marketing Companies, the deserving cases which are not strictly covered under the guidelines, may be referred by the Oil Companies to the Government for decisions. Decision is taken on the merits in each case.

Demand of Bitumen in Gujarat

2662. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of bitumen in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of supply made; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Bitumen is a deregulated product and the same is supplied to the State Government etc. by the oil companies as per demand.

(b) During 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, Oil Companies supplied about 222 TMT, 244 TMT and 288 TMT of Bitumen respectively to the State of Gujarat to meet the requirement/demand of the State.

(c) No shortage of bitumen is reported from Gujarat.

Working of State Oil Dealer Selection Board

2663. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Oil Dealer Selection Boards constituted as per the latest Government policy in the country alonwith the name of the Chairman and the members, State-wise;

(b) whether these Dealer Selection Boards have started their work; and

(c) the names of the States and the Dealer Selection Boards where these Borads have not started their work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The Government have constituted 59 new Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) with the following composition all over the country:

(i) A retired judge of a High Court/Retired District Judge/Retired Additional District Judgte.-Chairman

(ii) An officer of the concerned Oil Company not below the rank of Deputy General Manager or Chief Manager, depending on availability.—Member

(iii) An officer of another Oil Company not below the rank of Deputy General Manager or Chief Manager, depending on availability.—Member

The state-wise list of the DSBs alongwith names of the Chairpersons is given in the Statement (*See* below). The process of selection of dealers/ distributors for the pending locations for setting up of Retail Outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships is on.